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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN NTM DATA BASE PROPOSAL

1. INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON FEBURARY 27 BY NTM GROUP CHAIRMAN MATHUR TO REHASH AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE NTM DATA IN TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE (TRIF). AUSTRALIANS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED PREVIOUS PROPOSAL SO THAT ONLY NOTIFICATIONS OF MEASURES IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC ITEMS ALREADY CONTAINED IN NTB INVENTORY WOULD BE BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTING NTM DATA BASE. WHERE POSSIBLE, COUNTRY MAINTAINING NTM WOULD IDENTIFY SEVEN DIGIT LINE ITEMS SUBJECT TO RELEVANT NTM. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE ADDED TO TRIF ON APPROPRIATE TARIFF LINE. AS BEFORE, PROPOSAL ENCOUNTERED STRONG OBJECTION FROM EC, NORDICS AND JAPAN ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS INCLUDING DUPLICATION OF EXISTING INVENTORY, SELF-ACCUMULATED OFFICIAL USE

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SATION ELEMENT (I.E. BY SUPPLYING SEVEN DIGIT TARIFF

CLASSIFICATION COUNTRY MAINTAINING NTM IMPLICITLY WOULD CONCEDE THAT MEASURE IS TRADE BARRIER), OUTDATED AND SPOTTY COVERAGE OF NTM'S IN INVENTORY, POSSIBLE DELAY ON TARIFF DATA WORK, UNBALANCED PRESENTATION IN TRIF (AS OPPOSED TO INVENTORY WHICH CONTAINS BOTH VIEWS OF NOTIFYING AND NOTIFIED COUNTRIES), LACK OF COMPARABILITY OF NTM ADMINISTERED BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. EC (DUGIMONT ALSO STATED THAT WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL DID NOT SIGNIFY AGREEMENT WITH VIEW THAT NTM'S AND TARIFFS TO BE EXAMINED JOINTLY. U.S. AND CANADA SYMPATHIZED WITH OBJECTIVE OF AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL BUT SHARED CONCERN ABOUT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS VOICED BY OTHER DELS.

2. MEETING INCONCLUSIVE AND CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED DELS REFLECT ON WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES OF PRESENTING NTM DATA ON TARIFF LINE LEVEL (PROVIDED TECHNICAL ISSUES RESOLVED) AND, IF SO, WHAT PROCEDURE WOULD BE USED TO BRING INVENTORY UP TO DATE. FURTHER SUGGESTION WAS WHETHER TWO STAGE PROCEDURE PREFERABLE WHEREBY NTM DATA IS GATHERED AND THEN REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN TRIF. ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO NTM PARENT GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR END OF APRIL. CULBERT

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